

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review

Minutes: August 4, 2015

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairman Blackburn and Commissioners Booth, Thornton, Pearson, Filippi and Sylvester, Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Kathy Hague.

Absent were Commissioners Jackson, Walker and Richard.

Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Sylvester and seconded by Commissioner Thornton to accept the July 21, 2015, minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #150076: Rajender Singh, Tim Wensus and Dan Dedentro

appeared for the property located at 1 Social Street, Woonsocket. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) Michael Morin appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to accept the plan of action submitted by the Applicant provided the timelines of Phase I and Phase II are adhered to. The Board also granted the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office the authority to extend the above deadline in accordance with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations, amended section 6-2-22, if the Applicant shows a good faith effort. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #150050: John Knight and Eric Wishart appeared for the property located at 225 Cowesett Avenue, West Warwick. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal James Bobola appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. After a discussion, the Board decided there was not enough information to make a decision and advised Mr. Knight to return on August 25, 2015, with additional information.

APPEAL #150072: Roger Pierce appeared for the property located at 1 James McKee Way, Cumberland. Deputy State Fire Marshal Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester recused himself from consideration of this case. Vice Chairman Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to grant relief from total coverage detection in the lower level based on the proposed day care use, and provided

the day care use is limited to the second floor and gymnasium. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #110014C, 110015C, 110016C: Merritt Meyer and Diana Campbell appeared for the property located at 500 Wood Street, Bristol (Building Groups 1, 2 and 3). Deputy State Fire Marshal Octavio Vieira and Deputy State Fire Marshal Patrick Carney appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Blackburn recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, second by Commissioner Sylvester, for the Applicant to remove occupants that may be living in any of the buildings and to add a fire department connection (FDC) to Building Group 2 within 15 days. Also, the Applicant is to return in 45 days with a plan of action addressing all violations within each building group. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Subcommittee Recommendations: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations heard on July 21, 2015 for the following properties:

25 Dorrance Street, Providence (File #150057)

203 Governor Street, Providence (File #150068)

426 Grove Street, Woonsocket (File #150069)

The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to approve the Fire Board Minutes for July 14, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondences / Announcements:

Open Forum / Public Comment: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton, to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.